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SUBJECT: RATIONALIZATION AND SPECIALIZATION DEFINITIONS

THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS TEXT OF NOTICE (AC/281-N(74)7 SETTING FORTH DRAFT DEFINITIONS OF RATIONALIZATION AND SPECIALIZATION WHICH THE EWG WILL CONSIDER ON MAY 22. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE BY OPENING OF BUSINESS MAY 22. BEGIN TEXT:

AT THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP, HELD ON 2ND MAY, 1974, THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF WAS INVITED TO PROPOSE DEFINITIONS OF THE TERMS "RATIONALISATION" AND AND "SPECIALISATION" FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH EWG WORK ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. DRAFT TEXTS ARE SUBMITTED BELOW. FOR THE PURPOSES OF COMPARISON THE DEFINITION OF "STANDARDISATION" FROM THE NATO CLOSSARY HAS ALSO BEEN SET OUT (REF AAP-6(L) 1974).

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"RATIONALISATION"

THE REALLOCATION OF DEFENCE TASKS AMONG NATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PARTICULAR CAPABILITIES WHICH EACH

COUNTRY IS BEST FITTED TO CONTRIBUTE, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A RATIONAL FORCE STRUCTURE DEVELOPED ON A NATO-WIDE BASIS (I.E. "BALANCED COLLECTIVE FORCES"). THE OBJECT IS TO ENSURE THAT THE TOTAL NATIONAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR DEFENCE ARE DEPLOYED IN THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE MANNER FOR THE ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE.

"SPECIALISATION"

THE CONCENTRATION BY INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES ON A MORE LIMITED NUMBER OF DEFENCE TASKS IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN OVERALL CONCEPT OF RATIONALISATION. THE OBJECT IS TO CHANNEL NATIONAL RESOURCES IN THE DIRECTION MOST APPROPRIATE TO THE COUNTRY CONCERNED AND MOST VALUABLE TO NATO DEFENCE AS A WHOLE; IT IMPLIES NO REDUCTION IN THESE RESOURCES.

"STANDARDIZATION"

THE PROCESS BY WHICH MEMBER NATIONS ACHIEVE THE CLOSEST PRACTICABLE CO-OPERATION AMONG FORCES, THE MOST EFFICIENT USE OF RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION RESOURCES, AND AGREE TO ADOPT ON THE BROADEST POSSIBLE BASIS THE USE OF:

(A) COMMON OR COMPATIBLE OPERATIONAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTIC PROCEDURES.

(B) COMMON OR COMPATIBLE TECHNICAL PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA.

(C) COMMON, COMPATIBLE OR INTERCHANGEABLE SUPPLIES, COMPONENTS, WEAPONS, OR EQUIPMENT.

(D) COMMON OR COMPATIBLE TACTICAL DOCTRINE WITH CORRESPONDING ORGANIZATIONAL COMPATIBILITY.

3. THIS DOCUMENT WILL APPEAR ON THE AGENDA OF THE MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 22 MAY, 1974.
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